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# BE IT EVER SO HUMBLE...

The Illini Mets, The Illinois Chapter of the Metropolitan Owners Club of North America



## Special Interest Articles:

- Resurrection of "Bug"
- 2009 Calendar of Events Plus Pictures from Recent Club Events

## Contributing

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to all! This is our first newsletter of 2009. This promises to be a busy year. On Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup> several members gathered at Pheasant Run Resort for a dinner and play. We listened to The Taffetas sing tunes from the Fifties and then had an excellent buffet dinner afterwards. The following Sunday February 22<sup>nd</sup> the British Swap meet at the DuPage County Fair grounds was attended by several members of our club. The first meeting of the year was held at the Oakfield Restaurant. We had a total of 21 Members in attendance, our best yet. The secretary/treasurer reports were given.

Then any old/new business was covered. Under new business it was noted that this is an election year for Club officers. There were no nominations, recommendations or volunteers. So the current team of officers will remain in place for another 2 years. This was followed by the planning of our calendar for the year. There are details for some events that need to be finalized and as they are, the information will be put on the website, sent by e-mail, or phone. Our calendar is subject to change with new information or things to do at any time, so please check our website or your e-mail regularly. The first tech

session will be April 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00a.m. at the Greenlee's to rebuild the brake system on Marge's car. If anyone else needs help, pick a date to work on your car. Put the word out and we will be there to help you. I am looking forward to a busy year and seeing lots of you in the next few months.  
Bob G.



Bob Greenlee, Pres.

I hope to see many of our members at our events! Take care and contact Bob and Marge for any questions at [rlgreenlee@wowway.com](mailto:rlgreenlee@wowway.com). Thanks!

### 2009 Dues Reminder

If your name on the address label is highlighted in yellow, you still owe dues for 2009. Please send \$10.00 to Marge Greenlee as soon as possible.





## RESURRECTION OF “BUG” CHAPTER ONE

I have been lucky enough to have a 59 Metropolitan Convertible come into the shop for restoration. The car has sat for many years, in a not too healthy environment. With the moisture from a dirt floor and dirt roads, it has gotten rather rusty over the years. Some of the rust had been repaired over the years, but has now appeared again. Time for a nice restoration to make the car safe to drive and look like it just left the factory.

My thought for this series of articles is to show how I restored the car and the trials, tribulations of doing it. Often, I hear people comment they cannot believe how expensive restorations are, so I hope this will reflect the amount of work involved in this.

Before I picked the car up, the owners and I talked about their plans for the car, how I like to restore cars and the costs for different processes and rough overall cost of the restoration. We talked about the difference in cost from sandblasting the body or having the body chemically stripped and de-rusted and the advantages of both. We decided to completely disassemble the car and have it chemically stripped, cleaned and de-rusted.

One of the things I do when I take a car apart,

completely apart, is to take LOTS of pictures. I take a picture of it before it comes off the car, sitting on the bench and when it is disassembled. Digital cameras are great; you can take hundreds of pictures, store them in a computer, and look at them anytime, for nothing. Buy a good digital camera with a macro feature for close-up's pictures. You'll find it quite valuable when you put the car together again.

I also make a cart to store all the parts on it and separate from other cars. Just unbolt assemblies, store them away until after the body is completely apart and gone for sandblasting or stripping.

Discussing the restoration with John Riley, who has restored several of these cars, we decided to remove the front end of the car for disassembly of the front suspension, then bolt the doors, hood and front end back on for “dipping”. That made the “Strippers” very unhappy. They usually charge by the piece, so everything in one piece meant a lower cost, so I thought. They added up all the pieces and charged me separately anyways. I dropped the car off April 24<sup>th</sup> at Redi-Strip in Roselle, IL. They promised 10-weeks delivery, at a cost of \$3,456. I called the first of July if it was done, they promised two weeks. This went on until September 16<sup>th</sup>, when I finally picked the body up. When I dropped the car off, I

told them I DID NOT want the car sand blasted. PERIOD. It takes forever to get the sand out of the frame rails. Guess what? Yup, they did... See the pictures of when it came back CLEAN. Hate working on dirty cars. The poor ole car looked like Swiss cheese, lots of mouse holes.

Once we got the front end back off the car and the doors removed and got a good look at the body, it became evident the frame rails were rusted through, front and rear quarter panels at the ends of the rocker panels, outer rocker panels, inner rocker panels, upper and lower door hinge pockets, firewall edge, kick panels, taillight surrounds, front of the floors, etc, etc.

I have bought a professional rotisserie for restorations. Boy, are they nice. So, I mounted the body on it to get started on all the metal work.

Until next time...

Gary Bosselman

Resurrection of "Bug" Pictures



This is the first installment in the continuing story "The Resurrection of 'Bug'" by Gary Bosselman







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**Larry Claypool** made an appearance the Chicago Tribune on Sunday, December 7, 2008. The article was "Gone, not Forgotten" by Jim Mueller. You should be able to read the article from this link <http://archives.chicagotribune.com/2008/dec/07/business/chi-rides-orphan-care-1207dec07>.



**SPRING TUNE-UP CLINIC**  
**Sunday, May 31 1:00 PM**

Hosted by Bill, Susan and Kathryn Schoenbeck  
Presented by Gary Bosselman

Please join us at our home/garage for a tune-up clinic to get our Mets running their best. Pizza and beverages will be served. All are invited.

We are located at 6219 W. Patterson Ave., Chicago IL 60634. Patterson is 1 block north of Addison (3600 N) and we are between Austin (6000W) and Narragansett (6400W). Off-street parking provided in the church parking lot behind our house.

Please call 773-725-0217 if you have any questions.



**EuroFest Auto Show 2009**

Oak Brook Promenade (located at the corner of Butterfield and Meyers Roads)

**August 22nd, Saturday**

Registration 11am with awards at 5pm

\$20 participation fee

50 awards, Dash Plaques, Goodie Bags

[www.oakbrookpromenade.com/StoreDirectory.html](http://www.oakbrookpromenade.com/StoreDirectory.html)



**November 2008 Membership Meeting  
at Oakfield Family Restaurant**



**March 2009 Membership Meeting  
at Oakfield Family Restaurant**



The first meeting of 2009 was in March at the Oakfield Family Restaurant in Winfield, IL. The Calendar of Events was the main subject and a lot of events are being planned. They are listed in this newsletter. If anyone has any ideas for setting up an event at the Kane County Cougars, zoo trip or anything else, please contact Bob and/or Marge Greenlee and they will get the word out to everyone. Just because we are a car club does not necessarily mean that it has to be a car outing!

**2009 Calendar of Club Events**

Saturday, April 18, 2009 **Tech Session at the Greenlees** at 10:00 am (all day)  
Bob & Marge Greenlee, 819 E Bailey Road, Naperville, IL (630) 369-1348 or [rlgreenlee@wowway.com](mailto:rlgreenlee@wowway.com) or [margsmet@wowway.com](mailto:margsmet@wowway.com)  
Please bring a dish

Sunday, May 3, 2009 **Antique Car Club of America**

Sunday, May 24, 2009 **Silver Springs Auto Show and Swap Meet** at 8:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Sandwich Fairgrounds, Sandwich, IL  
For more information, you may call Bob at (815) 498-2433 or [robrun32@juno.com](mailto:robrun32@juno.com)

Sunday, May 31, 2009 **Spring Clinic at the Schoenbecks** at 1:00 pm  
Hosted by Bill, Susan and Kathryn Schoenbeck and presented by Gary Bosselman  
6219 W. Patterson Ave., Chicago IL 60634 773-725-0217

**June 10, 2009 is the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Illini Mets!**

Saturday, June 13, 2009 **30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party at the Lake hosted by the Novaks** at 10:00 am  
843 Holiday Drive, Sandwich, IL 60548 (815) 498-4424 (rain date June 14, 2009)

Saturday, June 20, 2009 **St. Andrew Society Highland Games & Scottish Festival** at 8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Oak Brook Polo Grounds, Oak Brook, IL or <http://www.chicago-scots.org/>

Thursday, June 25 to June 28, 2009 **MOCNA Regional** hosted by GBAM (Greater Bay Area Mets) in Sacramento, CA  
Registration Forms in Met Gazette

Sunday, June 28, 2009 **Bloomington Gold Survivor Show** at Pheasant Run Convention Center, St. Charles, IL

Saturday, July 4, 2009 **Oak Lawn 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade** in Oak Lawn, IL  
If interested in joining parade, please email Bob Greenlee at [rlgreenlee@wowway.com](mailto:rlgreenlee@wowway.com) (rain date July 5, 2009)

Sunday, August 2, 2009 **Illinois Railway Museum Outing** at 8:00 am  
Illinois Railway Museum  
Union, IL (815) 923-4000 or (800) BIG-RAIL or <http://www.irm.org/>

Sunday, August 9, 2009 **Momence Gladiolus Festival** at 8:00 am to 4:30 pm  
Momence, IL (815) 472-6353 or <http://www.gladfest.com/>

Saturday, August 22, 2009 **EuroFest Auto Show 2009** in Oak Brook, IL from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Promenade (located at the corner of Butterfield and Meyers Roads) \$20 participation fee  
[www.oakbrookpromenade.com/StoreDirectory.html](http://www.oakbrookpromenade.com/StoreDirectory.html)

Sunday, August 23, 2009 **19<sup>th</sup> Annual Orphan Auto Picnic** at 10:00 am  
Kendall County Fairgrounds (new location) (877) COR-VAIR or <http://www.ccecorvair.com/OAP/> (no rain date)

Sunday, September 13, 2009 **Sandwich Fair**  
Sandwich, IL (815) 786-2159 or <http://www.sandwichfair.com/>

Sunday, September 20, 2009 **Greenlee's End of Summer Picnic** at 11:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Bob & Marge Greenlee, 819 E Bailey Road, Naperville, IL (630) 369-1348 or [rlgreenlee@wowway.com](mailto:rlgreenlee@wowway.com) or [margsmet@wowway.com](mailto:margsmet@wowway.com)  
Please bring a dish – Meat will be provided

Sunday, October 4, 2009 **Fall Color Tour and Apple Run** at 10:00 am, SHARP  
Meet at Gary Bosselman's Home, 6812 E Rockton Road, Roscoe, IL (815) 389-9500 or [gary@roscoe-restoration.com](mailto:gary@roscoe-restoration.com)

Sunday, November 8, 2009 **Membership Meeting** at 1:00 pm  
Oakfield Family Restaurant, 27W229 Geneva Road, Winfield, IL (630) 690-3303

**Holiday Party** in January 2010 TBD

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Holiday Party at Pheasant Run  
The Taffetas



The 2008 Holiday Party was celebrated by Dinner and a Show at Pheasant Run Theater to see 'The Taffetas' on Saturday, February 21, 2009. The Taffetas are a girl group from the '50's that are appearing on television for the first time. The show was terrific and the food was delicious. We had 20 people in attendance. A wonderful time was had by all and seemed to go over well. Everything was still festive even though the holidays were behind us.



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**BITS & PIECES**

**LAST CHANCE!** If you would like to see a Preview of the Mets Around the Clock 2007 International Meet Slide Show Gail Brandys put together on You-Tube check out the following link!

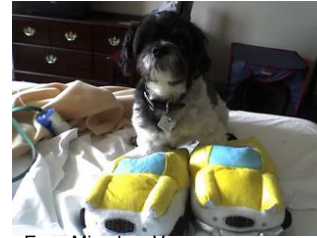
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TINh0Qgz1Is>

Gail also put up a web page to sell the slide show and the quirky Met magnets by Tiffany. <http://www.branmuffinindustries.com/mets/Mets.html>

"Hope you enjoy it and share it with whomever you like!" – Gail Brandys



Also for sale from Rhonda Gelstein's creative mind are Vroomers. Vroomers are slippers that look like Mets. So you show your love of the Met by purchasing Vroomers and wear your Mets on your feet! Go check out her website [www.vroomersonline.com](http://www.vroomersonline.com).



Even Ming has Vroomers

**MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR ABOUT NEWSLETTER**

I have to do the paper version of the newsletter on a black and white coper for the time being. We are looking for a printer or place that will take on doing color copies for us at a reasonable price. However, at

this time we have not found one. You can view the newsletter in color if you check it out at the Illini Mets website ([www.illinimets.org](http://www.illinimets.org)). If you know anyone willing to help us out with color copies, give me a

call at 773-206-9607 or 773-622-0388.



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